

STATE NEWS

Thomas S. Doar has been named as postmaster at Sumter by President Harding.

The negro state fair was held in Columbia last week. A large attendance is reported.

\$50,000 damage was done by fire in the store of J. L. Mimnaugh in Columbia Friday night.

The death rate from accidents in South Carolina is 5.4 per 100,000. The death rate in the nation is 10.4.

John H. Clifton, prominent lawyer of Sumter, died at his home Sunday evening. He was state senator from Sumter county.

Robbers entered the Shandon Drug Co. in Shandon Sunday night and stole 9,800 cigarettes besides a quantity of other merchandise.

A bronze tablet will be unveiled at Clemson college November 11 in honor of the 26 Clemson men who lost their lives during the world war.

Jeff T. Blackmon was shot and fatally wounded by Tom Blackmon at Heath Springs Friday. The injured man died in a Rock Hill hospital.

Miss Marie Poole, 19 years old, was killed and six children injured when an automobile in which they were riding was overturned in Spartanburg Friday.

Mild earth tremors were felt in Columbia Monday night. The quake was heavy enough to shake frame dwellings and rattle windows in more substantial buildings.

A petition signed by more than 1,000 voters has been presented to the city council of Florence asking for an election on the question of issuing \$350,000 in bonds for street paving.

Bishop Guerry, of the Episcopal diocese of South Carolina, has issued a call to the clergy and laity of the Episcopal church to earnestly pray for the success of the disarmament conference in Washington.

The annual meeting of the Upper South Carolina Methodist conference was held last week. Bishop Darlington presided. Rev. B. R. Turnipseed was elected secretary, and T. E. Wiggins and A. L. Gunter assistant secretaries.

"This feels like a rocking chair," said Harvey Whaley when he was strapped in the electric chair Friday for electrocution for implication in the murder of Earl Wadford in Calhoun county. Whaley died asserting his innocence.

J. C. Marlowe, former sanitary inspector at Camp Sevier, was convicted in Greenville Saturday of manslaughter in the killing of Thomas McCarroll during a card game. Marlowe says he was formerly a scout for Villa in Mexico and later a scout for Gen Pershing on the Mexican border.

The Enterprise Bank of Charleston closed its doors last week, the notice posted on the door stating that it was impossible to realize on loans, and that the bank was turned over to the state bank examiner. The last statement of the bank showed deposits of \$1,309,000, and loans of \$1,188,000, with bills payable of \$115,000. Wilson G. Harvey is president of the bank.

Big Cotton Yield.

W. T. McLees, of Townville, has picked 12 bales of cotton from seven acres and will get another one. This is an old alfalfa patch and is very fertile. The excess nitrogen in the soil was balanced by the application of a fertilizer of high phosphorus content. Yields like this are not common this year due to unfavorable weather conditions.

Mr. McLees has only six acres of cotton planted to the mule this year. He always practices a well balanced system of farming which includes food and feed crops to provide the necessary feed for the livestock and food for the families on the farm. This year Mr. McLees had over fifteen acres planted to Sudan grass and other grasses and acres and acres of velvet beans, peas, etc., for hay and soil building.

While I believe the boll weevil will be destructive in Anderson county and with average weather conditions we are in for our maximum infestation next year, I do not believe that there is any necessity for a farmer like Mr. McLees to reduce his cotton acreage from what it is now. Those who have fought the weevil and won in other sections have done it on the same basis that Mr. McLees is farming. The fight has never been successful on any other basis.—Anderson Daily Mail.

Self Help.

Voice: "Is this the weather bureau? How about a shower tonight?"

School supplies of all kinds at Herald Book Store.

MANY SEEK PIRATE GOLD.

Tales of Buried Treasure Are Plentiful on Texas Coast.

Another search for the treasure which the notorious pirate, Lafitte, is supposed to have buried is to be made. This time the sands of Padre Islands which border the Texas gulf coast for 90 miles, are to be explored in the hope that the buried iron chests containing the legendary fortunes may be discovered.

Legendary accounts of buried treasure located in parts of Texas have lured in vain many seekers after these vast and perhaps mythical stores of hidden wealth. Numerous searches for buried treasure have been made on Galveston Island, where, according to tradition, Lafitte and his followers made their headquarters and sailed the waters along the coast of Texas and Louisiana, laying tributes on every craft that was unfortunate enough to make its appearance within their sight.

Vast quantities of gold, silver and jewels were taken, much of which is said to have been buried in obscure coves and inlets. Charts showing the location of buried treasure were made. According to tradition the burial was done by the captain and one man. The latter was killed and buried in the same hole above the iron boxes containing the treasure.

Symbols Cut on Trees.

Much excitement was caused several years ago when it was reported that a chest containing thousands of dollars worth of gold had been discovered by workmen employed in dredging a channel at Constitution Bend, bordering Galveston Bay. The report proved to be unfounded. Upon the island facing the channel were several trees bearing strange symbols and inscriptions and it was believed that these markings indicated the location of hidden treasure. Many of the characters were partly obliterated and could not be accurately traced.

However, it is possible to trace a general design of the ancient symbols. On one tree was cut an arrow head pointing north. There were many figures above and beneath this arrow head. Following the point of the arrow head due north one hundred feet was found another tree on which was found another arrow head, pointing west together with many strange markings. About five feet from the latter arrow head was a tree on which there was a cross of arrows and much other inscribing. Another tree located 300 feet away bore inscriptions and figures. These markings were thoroughly examined and a careful watch was made for buried treasures, but nothing was found.

Many tales have been told of treasure buried along the ancient Santa Fe trail. In the early part of last century the Spaniards and Mexicans were said to have had rich mines of gold and silver in north Texas which they transported to Mexico over the Santa Fe trail. Most of Texas was then a wilderness inhabited by bands of Comanches and other Indian tribes. In hauling their treasure overland the owners were often attacked by savages. Rather than allow their wealth to fall into the hands of the enemy they would throw it into any stream or pool that happened to be nearby.

Ghosts Rout Treasure Hunters. One legend has it that a vast amount of gold and silver was hidden

S. H. SMOAK KILLS SELF.

Deed Committed at Home Near Walterboro.

Sam H. Smoak, one of the leading farmers of his section, living near Mashawville, killed himself early Monday morning, using a shot gun, and blowing off the entire front of his face and top of head. The deed was committed before day, and the deceased left no note, nor anything to indicate the cause for his self destruction. Mr. Smoak was living at his son's family. Mr. and Mrs. Rice Smoak, were also living there. They had not arisen when they heard the report of the gun, and upon investigating, Mr. Smoak found his father lying dead just outside the house by the front steps. He had dressed and lighted a lamp to see how to manipulate the gun. This was placed on the bottom step and he used a rod of iron to push the trigger. Death was instantaneous.

Mr. Smoak was a man of considerable property, being a large land owner. He is survived by his widow and the following children: C. G. Smoak, who lives in Cuba; S. T. P. R., C. R., and S. H. Smoak, Jr., the latter of Meggets; Mrs. J. F. Smoak, Bamberg; Mrs. J. O. Tindal, Ogis, Fla. Two brothers, Charley and Henry Smoak also survive.

The coroners jury impaneled by Coroner Dopson, reached a verdict in accordance with the above facts. The funeral was held this morning and interment took place in the family cemetery.—Press and Standard.

at the mouth of the Neeches river. The story is told of a citizen of Port Neches who came into possession of a chart purporting to show the location of much rich treasure hidden in the marsh near the mouth of the stream. It was said that the pirate vessel bearing the treasure was so closely crowded by the Spaniards that the thieves cut their cable and left their anchor. The man with the chart set out alone for the spot indicated on the chart. He found the place where the vessel was said to have left its anchor and soon was at the spot where the treasure was supposed to have been hidden. After digging a few feet some unseen power seemed to seize him and he fled from the place, returning to his home where he died in a few days.

On another occasion two men, having obtained the chart, went in search of the treasure. They found the spot and the tools of the former fortune seeker. They discovered a human skeleton, which they removed. One of the men was resting on the edge of the hole, expecting every minute to hear his companion shout that he had found the booty. Suddenly the man who had been working climbed out of the excavation, his face drawn and pale, and clutching his companion's arm, said: "Come—for God's sake, let us get away from here!"

"What is the matter? What have you seen?" asked his friend.

"I have seen hell and its horrors. Come away from here. It will haunt me the rest of my life."

No other explanation could be gotten from the man. He dragged his companion away and begged him, if he valued his life, not to dig there again.—New York Sun.

TAX NOTICE.

The treasurer's office will be open for the collection of State, county, school and all other taxes from the 15th day of October, 1921, until the 15th day of March, 1922, inclusive.

From the first day of January, 1922, until the 31st day of January, 1922, a penalty of 1 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes. From the first day of February, 1922, until the 28th day of February, 1922, a penalty of 2 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes. From the first day of March, 1922, until the 15th day of March, 1922, a penalty of 7 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes.

The Levy.

For State purposes 12 mills
For county purposes 7 1/2 mills
Constitutional school tax 3 mills
For highway purposes 2 mills

Total 24 1/2 mills

Special School Levies.

Bamberg, No. 14 18 mills
Binnaker's, No. 12 3 mills
Buford's Bridge, No. 7 4 mills
Clear Pond, No. 19 2 mills
Colston, No. 18 9 mills
Denmark, No. 21 16 mills
Ehrhardt, No. 22 19 mills
Fish Pond, No. 5 2 mills
Govan, No. 11 12 mills
Hutto, No. 6 6 mills
Hampton, No. 3 2 mills
Heyward, No. 24 2 mills
Hopewell, No. 1 3 mills
Hunter's Chapel, No. 16 12 mills
Lees, No. 23 8 mills
Little Swamp, No. 17 8 mills
Lemon Swamp, No. 13 4 mills
Midway, No. 2 2 mills
Oakland, No. 15 8 mills
Oak Grove, No. 20 10 mills
Olar, No. 8 16 mills
St. John's, No. 10 8 mills
Salem, No. 9 12 mills
Three-Mile, No. 4 8 mills

All persons between the ages of 21 and 60 years, except Confederate soldiers and sailors, who are exempt at 50 years, are liable to a poll tax of \$1.00.

Capitation dog tax, \$1.25.
All male persons who were 21 years of age on or before the first day of January, 1921, are liable to a poll tax of \$1, and all who have not made returns to the auditor are requested to do so on or before the first day of January, 1922, and thereby save penalty and costs.

I will receive the commutation road tax of four (\$4.00) dollars from the 15th day of October, 1921, to the 15th day of March, 1922.

In addition to the above levies there is a three mill levy for drainage on all property in the town of Bamberg and some of the surrounding territory.

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" Trenton	1:20 P. M.
" Batesburg	2:07 P. M.
" Lexington	2:44 P. M.
" Columbia	3:20 P. M. 5:10 A.M.
" Winnsboro	4:40 P. M. 6:30 A.M.
" Chester	5:39 P. M. 7:20 A.M.
" Rock Hill	6:22 P. M. 8:05 A.M.
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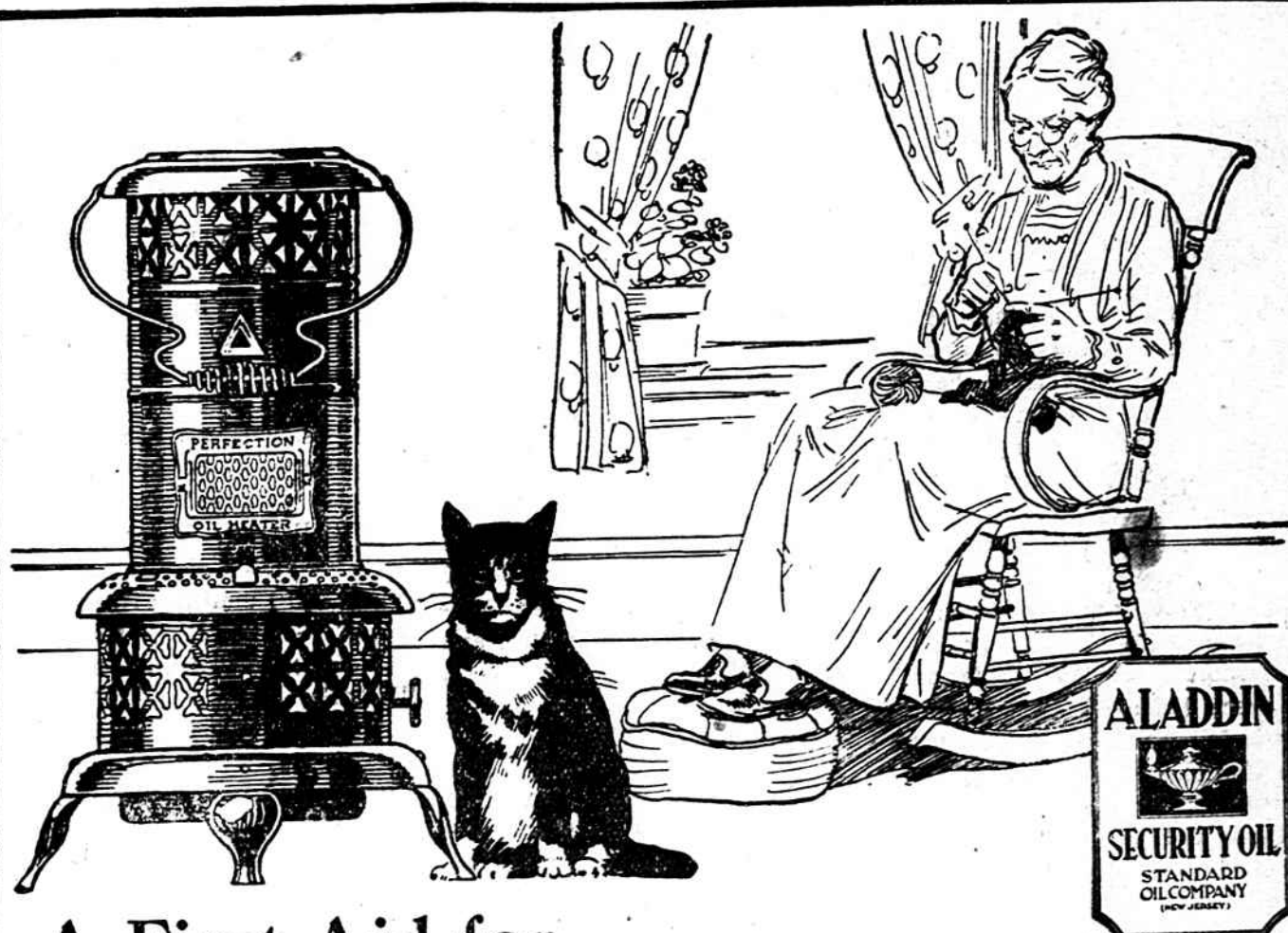
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